

## KANANASKIS RANCH



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What about it, do you like horses? If you enjoy sitting on the top rail of some ranch corral, hour after hour, in the sunshine, just watching horses milling around in the corral, then you like horses. If you like horses you will never want to miss a roundup. If you like horses you will never tire of riding the range in the spring. You will enjoy watching the baby colts wobbling around on their long leas. You will laugh when you see them taking their first hop, skip and jump away from their mothers. With a scared look in their eyes they will stand stock still, watching you, their little ears forward; afraid because they have gotten so far from their mother's protection. Then suddenly with a kick, a rush and a run they are back again peeping at you from behind their mother's side.

If when you were a child, instead of having a dolly, or some toy to go to sleep with you much preferred to cuddle a bridle, or if you declared you never wanted to go to Heaven because you were told your pet gee-gee could not go there too, then surely the love of horses is in your heart to stay. Horses to you will never be just animals, but friends tried and true. Later on in life if you find yourself short on funds and are willing to skip a few meals in order that your top pony may have his hay and oats regularly, then there is no doubt about your love of horses.

If on some cold winter night you are sitting in a little old cabin in the hills; a roaring fire going full blast in the fireplace, while the wind howls past your cabin door and the snow piles high above your windows, you will feel happy, contented, cozy and warm. But, if you like horses, suddenly you will remember them far out on the range in the storm. You will see them on some high, windy hill pawing through the snow for bits of frozen grass, their manes and tails blowing straight out in the icy wind while the snow drifts down on them. From then on you won't be enjoying your cozy cabin so much. You will be afraid if the storm gets too severe the horses may drift and become separated. You will find yourself sitting listening for a far off neigh and thinking of the barbed wire fence they may have drifted



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against in the cold and dark of the storm. You will be hoping they may be huddled together down in a sheltered coulee out of the wind waiting the storm out. By this time you are feeling so miserable you will find yourself praying for the blessed chinook to, "Please, Oh Please hit them soon."

Of course it is another story when these same horses come in off the range in the spring all fat and shining. When you don't dare mount any of them until they have been topped-off by a real bronc rider. You won't be feeling so sorry for them then. You will look at them and think, "Sure an' I might as well have enjoyed that winter storm after all."

Maybe you never lived on a western ranch as a child and grew up with horses until they became a very part of you. Maybe you only like horses because they carry you faithfully over the trails or because you are amused with their excitement and antics while you are watching a rodeo. We like this too, but our regard for horses goes much deeper than that. When your horse has brought you home over a rough, bad trail on some cold night when it was so dark you had lost your way, then you realize how much you really love and depend on your horse. Arriving safely home you would not think of taking your shivering self into the warmth and comfort of the ranch house until you had unsaddled, fed and cared for your horse.

We try to take good care of all our ranch guests, but our horses come first in our consideration always. When on camping trips the horses must have the first attention. We must camp where there will be plenty of grass and good running water. We hope there will be a nice smooth grassy place in which to pitch the guests' teepees, but that is an afterthought. The saddle and packs are removed and the horses turned out to graze before a guest can expect to have his wants looked after.

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Kananaskis Ranch is situated in a beautiful scenic section of the Canadian Rockies on the banks of the Bow and Kananaskis Rivers. It is on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway and on a direct line of the Soo Railway out of Chicago and St. Paul. One may reach the ranch by either rail, bus service or by plane as far as Calgary. From Calgary one may continue on to the ranch by rail or bus. Guests will be met at Seebe station or at the ranch bus terminal upon arrangements made in advance.

Although the ranch is easily reached from outside points it is located in a wild, rugged country, quite off the main travelled tourist sections. It is the only long-established ranch, taking paying guests in this vicinity.

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BOW RIVER

We have been in operation here since 1923. Before that date we owned and operated the Two Medicine Ranch at Glacier Park, Montana. At Kananaskis you will find a western family with the real oldtime western spirit and hospitality. Everyone visiting the ranch will receive a most cordial welcome. Our cowboys who are with us the year round have been carefully chosen for this work—handling horses and wrangling dudes. We feel sure you will find them exceptionally fine fellows.

Riding, of course furnishes the chief amusement at the ranch. Each guest, upon arrival, is given a private saddle horse. The oldtime guests, when they make their reservations never fail to ask to have their particularly-loved horse reserved for them. The scenery from the ranch buildings and along the trails is truly lovely. Each trail seems to have its own distinctive beauty. On an all day ride the campfire meals are especially enjoyed. The moonlight rides and the exploring trips are also very popular. But, perhaps the best-liked hours of all at the ranch are the evenings when everyone gathers in the living-room to talk over the day's activities. Such merriment as goes on in the old ranch house each evening. There seems to be always a discussion as to whose horse is the best and much laughter over what these horses did and said to their riders. Maybe some Hillbilly dancing will be going on or a sing-song around the piano. The evenings spent around the fireplace at the ranch are most informal which is what perhaps keeps them interesting.

Kananaskis Ranch accommodates approximately 40 guests in twin-bed rooms in the main lodge (without bath), cabins (with and without bath), and large cabins with bath, suitable for family occupancy.

The Ranch caters especially to families, supplying special guides to teach children to ride. Children are often left at the rancch while their parents attend conventions or take trips.



FISHING

Of the thousands who annually visit the National Parks in Alberta, none derives more complete satisfaction and lasting enjoyment from his sojourn than the angler. Not only can he pursue his favorite sport to his heart's content, but he does so amid surroundings of beauty and grandeur that are unexcelled throughout the world.

Here's how one of our guests described his stay:

"What a place for a fishing vacation! Marvellous scenery . . . and a crystal-clear lake containing only untamed cutthroat trout a few yards from camp. Man, this was perfect.

"A stirring spectacle greeted our eyes. The waning sunlight revealed the calm surface being dimpled, as with rain drops, by cutthroats feverishly nipping at a swarm of minute insects, and we could see many of the fish milling about in the pellucid water. Some looked as though they would measure 12 or 14 inches or better, and the sight of these made our hearts beat faster.

"In fact it was fantastic to see the entire surface of Egypt Lake alive with trout repeatedly leaping at the same instant. It was one of the most stirring sights of its kind I have observed in a long career of fishing. Never before have I seen so many trout clearing the crest of a lake at one time. They were in a frenzy of feeding, and eager to fight as frantically. You



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could plainly hear them slap the water, even above the distant sound of Scarab Lake Falls."

And again at Scarab Lake:

"Near the larger chunk of ice, close to our shore, in about three feet of limpid water, Beth and I were amazed to see a school of fourteen cutthroat trout, each weighing about six pounds, idly finning—just easily—above the stony bottom. It was a sight to electrify any angler, and we yearned to connect with those giants."

### HUNTING TRIPS

Sheep, goat, elk, moose, deer, black and grizzly bear are all available in our area as we hunt along the boundary of the park, which of course acts as an ever-increasing breeding ground for all types of game.

We consider the Rocky Mountain Ram our chief trophy, as many of the world's top heads have been secured in the areas we hunt.

Goat, of course, are plentiful, and can be hunted in approximately the same territory and at the same time as sheep.

Elk are very plentiful as a large game preserve has just been opened up, an area that has been closed for over thirty years.

Moose, when open, are quite plentiful, especially in the high country we hunt. However, moose season in Alberta has been closed a good deal in the last few years.

Black bears are very plentiful, found in all our hunting areas. Grizzly are found along our high country, especially in the area recently opened.

Our hunters are all supplied with licensed guides, good equipment, good food, good horses, good company and travel in unexcelled scenic country.



SCENIC CAMPING TRIPS

When you go camping you can mount a horse, ride off through the hills in the golden sunshine and forget that job back home with its worries and cares. High on some mountain side you can lie on the crunchy plateau grass and watch the fleecy clouds floating past in a bright blue sky and forget you ever had an anxious thought. You can jam your oldest and stoutest clothing into a duffle bag, watch your cowboy guide pack them with many boxes of grub onto the hurricane deck of some wild eyed cayuse and follow the two of them off into an entrancing country where you can camp to your heart's content.

We also cater to large hiking and riding groups. Each year we outfit completely several groups and with the number we handle we have been able to quote very reasonable rates.

Brewster Mountain Pack Trains also supply saddle horses to all C.P.R. hotels and bungalow camps in the park.

There are breakfast rides and wiener roasts out of Banff, besides regular guided tours.

While at Lake Louise don't miss the spectacular rides back into the high country.



### TRAIL RIDES

We outfit and handle the popular Trail Rides for the 'Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies.' On these trips one may spend five glorious days camping in the magnificent Canadian Rockies; riding, looking, eating, sleeping. What more can one ask of life?

The trails lead by lake and river shores, by rushing mountain streams, through forests, canyon and over mountain passes. But, best of all over high plateau country where the mountain peaks rise only a few feet above the trails. As the trails climb higher and higher over these marvelous plateaus the rider's spirits will rise also; up and up as he goes riding along on the top of the world.

### HIKING TRIPS

For those who like to walk and climb there is the Trail Hikers' Camp which we also outfit and handle for the "Sky Line Trail Hikers of the Canadian Rockies." This is a stationary camp which is set up in some beautiful locality each summer. It is always situated where there is easy mountain climbing and where the many lovely walks may be enjoyed by all. Eating seems to be one of the main attractions at these camps; that and bedding down at night.

For further information write or telegraph:

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